

National Rehabilitation Week, September 13-19, gives us an opportunity to commend the nearly 43 million people with disabilities in America who daily display their courage and determination. It also calls to our attention the unmet needs of our nation's disabled citizens.

Mental Health Workers Week is set aside for us to thank those who have dedicated their talents to improving the mental health of our nation. Nearly half of all Americans between the ages of 15 and 54 experience a psychological disorder during their lifetime. Psychiatrists, psychologists, licensed clinical social workers, and others are there every day to help those Americans who are experiencing problems pick up the pieces and move forward with their lives—truly important work.

September 16 is National Vision Rehabilitation Day, which recognizes the tremendous lack of understanding we have of vision loss and the lack of availability of vision rehabilitation services. National Vision Rehabilitation Day gives us the chance to promote aggressive education and treatment for people with vision problems. As the baby boom generation moves into the retirement years, we need to begin learning how to deal with serious eye diseases like macular degeneration, which currently affects thousands of people and about which—when it comes to causes and treatment—we know very little.

Finally, Mr. President, I would like to recognize Deaf Awareness Week and the opportunity it provides to recognize the deaf culture experienced by nearly one million Americans. Most people don't know that American sign language is the third most widely used language in America, and that Washington, D.C. is home to the only deaf university in the world, Gallaudet University. Deaf Awareness Week allows us to discover the significant contributions offered by individuals who happen to be deaf.●

#### TRIBUTE TO AL BEAUCHAMP

● Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a true public servant, a dedicated husband and father, a Rutland, Vermont community leader, and a friend. I rise today to pay tribute to Al Beauchamp, who passed away on September 5, at the age of 72.

The eloquent editorial printed in the Rutland Daily Herald on Tuesday, September 8, expresses best how much Al meant to the community of Rutland, and to the entire State of Vermont. I ask that the text of that editorial be included in the RECORD.

[From the Rutland Daily Herald, Sept. 8, 1998]

#### AL BEAUCHAMP

Alfred J. Beauchamp of Rutland, who died on the weekend at the age of 72, was one of those citizens who do a great deal of work for a community but in such a quiet way that many others in the community aren't aware of what he has accomplished.

Whether it was in business, in civic work or in politics, he was a master craftsman at achieving consensus and getting things done.

His Rutland High School yearbook entry (Class of 1944) gave a pretty good preview of what his career would be like. With the high school nickname of "Al-bo" the notation takes up 17 lines of participation from freshman to senior years for Alfred Joseph Beauchamp. Some examples:

"Class president, 2,3; orchestra, 1,2,3,4; pit orchestra, 2,3,4; band, 1,2,3,4; president of band, 3; Student Council, 1,2,3,4; Student Council president, 4; home room president, 1; home room basketball, 1,2,3,4; National Honor Society, 3,4; varsity basketball, 4; varsity track, 3; all-state band, 1,2,4."

There are a number of other entries in the list, but the citations give an indication of very active participation in the school community, a proclivity for community work that was to continue throughout his life.

In 1944, the year Al Beauchamp graduated from high school, the involvement of the United States in World War II was reaching its climax. In those days, every able-bodied male who reached the age of 18 knew what was in his immediate future—he would be taken into the military. The only question was whether the call would come in the July or August after high school graduation.

Al Beauchamp didn't wait for the draft. He joined the Merchant Marine, and in the course of his service was in a number of war-time convoys.

After that there was college, entering the insurance business, a family, and innumerable civic activities like the local Chamber of Commerce, where he eventually became president, and the United Way, to name just two.

As a member of the state Senate from Rutland County, Al Beauchamp served two terms. He was also a trustee of his alma mater, the University of Vermont, and was a member of several other state boards.

At the end of his second Senate term there were a number of people in Rutland, including the late publisher of the Herald, Robert W. Mitchell, who felt he could be in line to go on to be lieutenant governor, and eventually advance even further.

But there was no question at the time, as is still the case today, that continued involvement in politics means more and more time spent away from close ties with family, so he chose not to continue in that line.

True to his nature, he put family and community above personal ambition. That was Al Beauchamp all the way.●

#### LEADER'S LECTURE SERIES

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I remind all Members that the leader's lecture series will begin promptly at 6 p.m.—that is about 1 minute from now—this evening in the Old Senate Chamber. Senator ROBERT C. BYRD will be the guest speaker for this evening's lecture.

#### ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1998

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 16. I further ask unanimous consent that when the Senate reconvenes on Wednesday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved, no resolutions come over under the rule, the call of the calendar be waived, the morning hour be deemed to have expired and the time for the two leaders be reserved. I further ask unanimous consent that the Senate then resume

consideration of the Interior appropriations bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that after the clerk reports the Interior bill, Senator BOXER be immediately recognized to offer an amendment regarding oil royalties; further, that there be 3 hours for debate on the amendment, equally divided, prior to a motion to table. Finally, I ask that no amendments be in order to the Boxer amendment prior to the tabling vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, was that a unanimous consent request?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. It was.

Mr. GRAHAM. Without the intention of objecting, I ask if in that list of amendments, at some point after the amendment of the Senator from California, you will consider adding an amendment by Senator MACK and myself to the list?

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, there is nothing in this unanimous consent agreement that interferes with that. This just sets up the very first one. We will go back and forth, and I will certainly honor the request of the Senator from Florida.

Mr. GRAHAM. If the second or third amendment on that list can be Senator MACK's and my amendment.

Mr. GORTON. We went back and forth between the two sides. If the Senator would like to be after the next Republican amendment, I will be happy to set that up.

Mr. GRAHAM. After the next Republican amendment after the Boxer amendment.

Mr. GORTON. Right.

#### PROGRAM

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, tomorrow the Senate will resume debate on the Interior appropriations bill, with Senator BOXER recognized to offer an amendment regarding oil royalties with 3 hours for debate. At the conclusion or yielding back of time, the Senate will proceed to vote on a motion to table the Boxer amendment.

Following that vote, it is expected further amendments to the Interior bill will be offered and debated. Therefore, Members should expect rollcall votes throughout Wednesday's session in relation to the Interior bill or any other legislative or executive business cleared for action.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6 p.m., adjourned until 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 16, 1998.